Abstract

The present invention provides methods of treating or preventing vascular diseases caused by nitric oxide (NO) insufficiency. The methods encompass administering a composition comprising an antioxidant, a compound to treat cardiovascular diseases, a nitrosated compound, a compound that donates, transfers or relases NO, or is a NO synthase substrate, or endogenously stimulates NO synthesis, or stimulates levels of endothelium derived relaxing factor. In the composition, a hydralazine compound may be an antioxidant, isosorbide mono-or dinitrate may be the compound to donate, transfer, release, or stimulate endogenous NO synthesis. The isorsorbide may also elevate endogenous levels of endotherlium-derived relaxing factor, or be a NO synthase substrate and angiotensin enzyme inhibitor may be nitrosated compound. Disclosed in the invention is also a method to treat, or prevent Renaud's syndrome by administering a therapeutically effective amount of an antioxidant, a NO donor, a nitrosated compound and novel sustained-release formulations (e.g. a transdermal patch).

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